

### **In the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

- 1 (currently amended) A method for facilitating the fabrication of a hard cover for at least a portion of an article to be covered by said hard cover, the method comprising:  
positioning shrinkable material over at least a portion of the article to be covered by said hard cover;  
shrinking said shrinkable material to form a fitted cover for said at least a portion of the article to be covered by said hard cover; and  
applying a layer of molding material overlying said fitted cover to form a hard cover for said at least a portion of the article to be covered by said hard cover.
- 2 (original) The method of claim 1, said molding material comprising fiberglass.
- 3 (original) The method of claim 1, said shrinking said shrinkable material comprising heat shrinking said shrinkable material.
- 4 (original) The method of claim 1, said method further comprising:  
applying a layer of surface coating overlying said fitted cover before said applying said layer of molding material.
- 5 (original) The method of claim 1, said method further comprising:  
applying a layer of wax overlying a surface of said fitted cover before said applying said layer of molding material.
- 6 (original) The method of claim 5, said wax comprising a mold release wax.
- 7 (original) The method of claim 1, said method further comprising:  
applying a protective layer overlying a surface of said fitted cover before said applying said layer of molding material.
- Claims 8 - 9 (Cancelled)
- 10 (original) The method of claim 4, wherein said layer of surface coating comprises gel coating.

11 (currently amended) A method for facilitating fabrication of a first article from a second article wherein said first article is used as a cover for said second article, the method comprising:  
positioning shrinkable material over at least a portion of the second article;  
shrinking said shrinkable material to form a fitted cover for said at least a portion of said second article;  
applying a first layer of molding material overlying said fitted cover to form a mold, said mold having a surface which is a negative impression of at least a portion of said fitted cover;  
removing said mold from said fitted cover; and  
applying a second layer of molding material overlying said surface of said mold to form the first article.

12 (original) The method of claim 11, said shrinking said shrinkable material comprising heat shrinking said shrinkable material.

13 (original) The method of claim 11, said first layer of molding material comprising fiberglass.

14 (original) The method of claim 11, said method further comprising:  
applying a layer of surface coating overlying said fitted cover before said applying said first layer of molding material.

15 (original) The method of claim 11, said method further comprising:  
applying a layer of wax overlying a surface of said fitted cover before said applying said first layer of molding material.

16 (original) The method of claim 15, said wax comprising a mold release wax.

17 (original) The method of claim 11, said method further comprising:  
applying a protective layer overlying a surface of said fitted cover before said applying said first layer of molding material.

Claims 18 - 19 (cancelled)

20 (original) The method of claim 11, said second layer of molding material comprising fiberglass.

21 (original) The method of claim 11, said method further comprising:

applying a layer of surface coating overlying said surface of said mold before said applying said second layer of molding material.

22 (original) The method of claim 11, said method further comprising:  
applying a layer of wax overlying said surface of said mold before said applying said second layer of molding material.

23 (original) The method of claim 22, said wax comprising mold release wax.

24 (original) The method of claim 11, said method further comprising:  
applying a protective layer overlying said surface of said mold before said applying said second layer of molding material.

Claims 25 - 26 (cancelled)

27 (original) The method of claim 11, said first article comprising a hard cover for said second article.

28 (original) The method of claim 14, said layer of surface coating comprising a sanding primer.

29 (original) The method of claim 21, said layer of surface coating comprising a gel coating.

Claims 30 - 33 (cancelled)